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## Maharashtra relaxes more Covid restrictions, parks and beaches to open in 11 districts

The Maharashtra government on Monday (31st January 2022) further eased Covid restrictions across the state, allowing national parks, safaris and all tourist spots to remain open as per regular timings. It has also allowed spas to remain operational with 50 per cent capacity and has removed all restrictions on the number of persons allowed at funerals.

Amusement parks, theme parks, swimming pools and water parks will be allowed to remain open in these districts with 50 per cent capacity. Theatre and restaurants have also been allowed to remain open as per timings decided by local district authorities with 50 per cent capacity. The new order states that the DDMA may also allow opening of local tourist spots as well as weekly bazaars with reasonable restrictions.

(Source: <https://indianexpress.com>)



## 16 theme parks will be developed

Mysuru: Former minister and BJP MLA SA Ramadas said that 16 theme parks will be developed in Krishnaraja constituency in the city. The state government has sanctioned Rs 24 crore for the project, which will be launched in March. There are parks in Krishnaraja segment, of which 16 will be developed in the first phase, he told reporters. He said the remaining parks will be developed in the second phase. Ramadas said that Rs 25 crore will be invested on the development of parks in the second phase.

(Source: <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com>)

## India to boost infrastructure in villages along China border

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Tuesday (1st February 2022), announced a scheme to strengthen infrastructure in villages along the border with China. The move comes in the backdrop of the lingering border standoff in eastern Ladakh and concerns in the security establishment over China setting up villages in several sectors close to the Line of Actual Control (LAC).

"Border villages with sparse population, limited connectivity and infrastructure often get left out from the development gains. Such villages on the northern border will be covered under the new Vibrant Villages Programme," Sitharaman said during her budget speech. "The activities will include construction of village infrastructure, housing, tourist centres, road connectivity, provisioning of decentralised renewable energy, direct to home access for Doordarshan and educational channels."

(Source: [www.economicstimes.com](http://www.economicstimes.com))



## Zoos, museums to opened gates on 1st February after a month in Kolkata, timings extended for parks

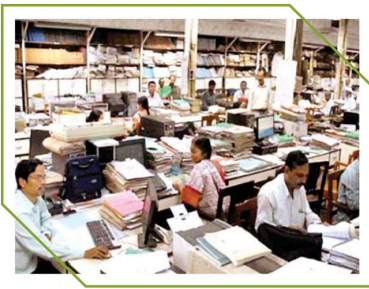
KOLKATA: All zoos, museums and parks — including amusement and entertainment parks — will reopen from 1st February 2022 with 75% capacity after the state government relaxed the Covid restrictions that were earlier enforced in January.

Various museums in the city, including Victoria Memorial Hall, Indian Museum, Science City and Birla Industrial & Technological Museum, will reopen after a month. Indian Museum will also remain open from 10am to 6pm from 1st February 2022, director Arijit Dutta Choudhury said. Nicco Park will also remain open from 10.30am to 6.30pm with 75% capacity.

(Source: [www.timesofindia.com](http://www.timesofindia.com))

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### Haryana Govt allows 100 percent attendance in offices, larger gatherings

The Haryana government on Saturday (5th February 2022) eased restrictions under the Surakshit Haryana Mahamari alert and allowed all government and private offices to operate with full strength. According to the order, all government and private offices are allowed to function with full capacity with adherence to Covid appropriate behaviour. Gatherings of more than 100 people are allowed with prior permission of deputy commissioner concerned.

All entertainment parks and B2B exhibitions are allowed to open at 50% capacity and have to follow Covid safety norms, said the order. Cinema halls and multiplexes, bars, restaurants, gyms and spas will continue to operate at 50% capacity.

(Source : [www.hindustantimes.com](http://www.hindustantimes.com))

### Dubai's Museum of the Future will open on February 22

Dubai's eagerly-awaited Museum of the Future will open to the public on February 22. The news was announced by Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid, Vice President and Ruler of Dubai. Sheikh Mohammed hailed the striking structure as the "most beautiful building on earth" when revealing the launch date on Twitter. He said the grand opening of the Downtown Dubai venue will be part of an "exceptional year" for the Emirates.

The attraction has long been lauded as an architectural marvel and has already won global acclaim. The spectacular landmark in Dubai was praised for its dazzling design and cutting-edge technological innovation.

Spanning an area of 30,000 square metres, the seven-storey structure is 77m tall. The stainless-steel facade, which extends over 17,000 square metres, is illuminated by 14,000m of Arabic calligraphy designed by the Emirati artist Mattar bin Lahej.

(Source: [www.thenationalnews.com](http://www.thenationalnews.com))



## A full water park in one attraction.



### China's first Hello Kitty hotel opening at Sanya theme park resort

Keystone Group has teamed up with Hyatt Hotels Corporation to develop China's first Hello Kitty hotel, opening in Hainan in 2025 as part of the Sanya Hello Kitty Resort, which launches in 2024. Sanya Hello Kitty Hotel will boast 221 rooms and villas featuring Hello Kitty designs and other popular Sanrio characters. Amenities will include three restaurants, a bar, ballroom, swimming pool and state-of-the-art spa.

Guests will enjoy an immersive stay at the Sanrio-themed hotel, which will offer interactive experiences, innovative design and technology, and seasonal events and activities.

(Source: [www.blooloo.com](http://www.blooloo.com))



### Disneyland Paris 30th anniversary plans revealed with new shows and attractions

Disneyland Paris 30th anniversary celebrations kick off in March 2022 and the theme park is marking the milestone in style with new shows, special food and drink, and heaps more surprises for guests. Disneyland Paris has finally revealed what guests can expect at its 30th anniversary celebrations this year - and Mickey Mouse's French home really is marking the milestone in style.

They are talking about brand new shows, specially-created merchandise, heaps of themed food and drinks, and even a brand new attraction, Gardens of Wonder. The resort, which boasts two theme parks, will be kicking off the special anniversary celebrations on March 6 2022, and there's plenty for Disney fans to get excited about.

(Source: [www.mirror.co.uk](http://www.mirror.co.uk))



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